

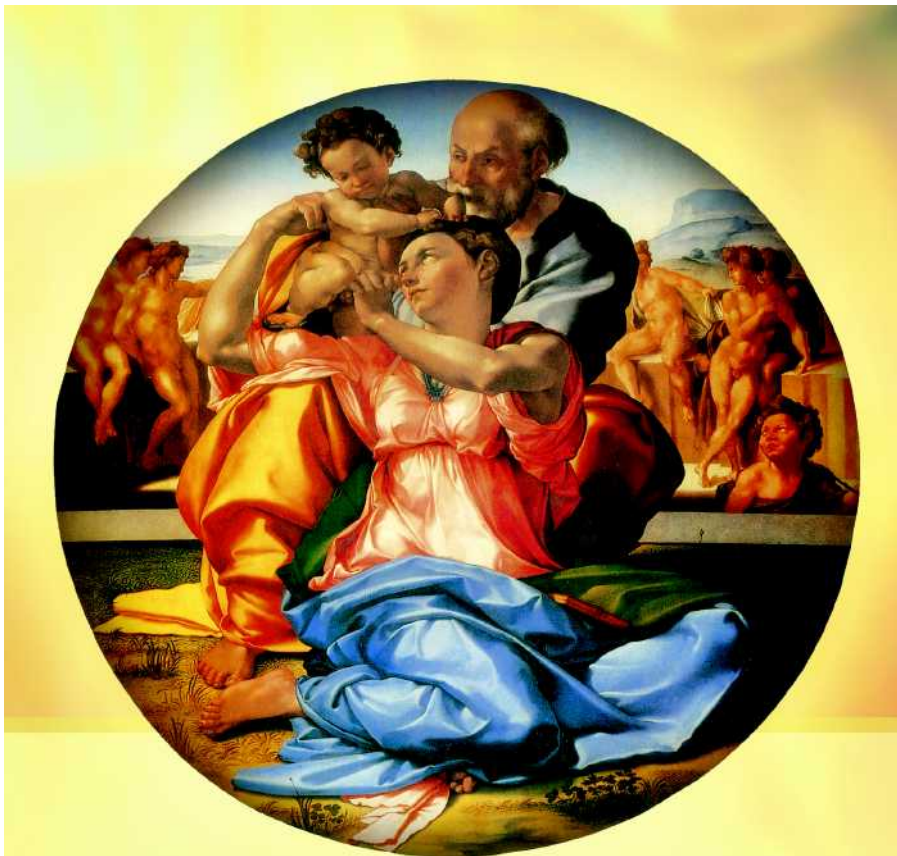
# ST. HENRY *Catholic Church*

**412 N. Fourth Street • Watertown WI 53094**

OUR PARISH MISSION - We, the parish family of Saint Henry's, share a vision of faith that proclaims God as a Trinity. We believe that our shared vision unites the love of the Father, the example of Jesus, and the gifts of the Holy Spirit, to create in us a people called to holiness, to evangelization, and to the building up of the Body of Christ. We adopt as our mission:

- worship in vibrant liturgy • serving one another • commitment to ongoing conversion and growth
- reaching out to the inactive, the unchurched and to those in need

We seek to be prayerful people, witnessing to God's heart of love, the Good News of Jesus Christ, and the empowerment of the Holy Spirit until God comes in glory.



## HOLY FAMILY

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**FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY  
OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH  
DECEMBER 27, 2009**

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### HOLY MASS

Saturday Evenings..... **4:00 pm**

Sundays ..... **10:30 am**

Weekdays..... **8:15 am**

Holy Days ..... As Scheduled

Spanish Mass .. 4th Sunday of Each Month

..... **1:00 pm**

Misa en Espanol . Domingo cuarto del mes,

..... **1:00 pm**

### RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

**8:00 AM to 4:00PM —Monday Thru Friday**

**Bulletin articles due at rectory — 12N Monday**



December 26/27, 2009

Today's Gospel story tells of the twelve year old Jesus getting lost in Jerusalem. It shows that misunderstandings can occur even in the best of families. We are inclined to say that Jesus got lost in the Temple. But Jesus did not get lost in the Temple. Rather, he was at home there. It was there that he began to find himself, and to discover his true identity. He was not just the son of Mary, but the unique Son of God.

Many lost, lonely, homeless souls have come to the house of God, or have wandered into it almost by accident, and felt at home there, and found peace there, and found themselves there. In God's house we discover who we are. Whatever the world may think of us, in God's house we know we are God's precious daughters and sons.

It was God who first loved us. There is nothing that we have to do to earn God's love. The very fact that we exist is a sign of God's love for us. Children respond to the love of their parents by obeying them. The way we respond to God's love for us is by obeying the commandments, especially the commandment of love.

In regards to our own families, when we stop and think, Jesus grew up in a closely knit family in a small village. There is no doubt that he absorbed much from his parents, from the way they lived and worked and prayed. He was formed like any other child. At a given moment Mary and Joseph could take pride in their son. They did their job well. People have to be convinced today that to embark on married and family life is a great responsibility. When the task is done well, the joys are many. What greater compliment can a child receive than this: "I see a lot of your parents in you."

— Fr. Brian

**From the Watertown Catholic Pro-Life Group:**

As people faithful to God, many of us see abortion as a religious issue. It is, however, primarily a civil rights issue. Our constitution guarantees the "right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." It does not exclude the unborn.

The December bulletin insert was sponsored by Ralph and Marlene Meiers.

**Catholic Men's Retreat**

The dioceses of Wisconsin are co-sponsoring a Men's Retreat for single men, ages 18-40, at beautiful St. Francis Seminary on the shores of Lake Michigan in the Milwaukee area from **Friday evening, January 8th through Sunday morning, January 10th**. The free retreat will focus on Catholic Identity, Mission, and Discernment. Any interested men should contact Msgr. Jim Bartylla at the Diocese of Madison at 608-821-3095 or [james.bartylla@straphael.org](mailto:james.bartylla@straphael.org) for further details or registration.

The **Small Church Community (SCC)** of St. Bernard's Church invites members of St. Henry's and St. Bernard's Parishes to join them for their next meeting in January. The group uses a format started by Fr. Art Baranowski in Michigan and a text from the Diocese of Hartford, Connecticut. SCC is not a Bible study, but rather uses the Scriptures for the following Sunday as a focus. If you are interested in learning more about this study group, please contact Mike Grajewski at **261-9471** or email [mgrajewski@charter.net](mailto:mgrajewski@charter.net)

A **Women's Evening of Prayer in the company of Jesus** will be held at **St. Mary Help of Christians Catholic Church (W856 Hwy 18) Sullivan (53178)** on **Monday, January 11th, 2010 at 7:00pm**. The evening will include prayer and scriptural meditations in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Please arrive a little early so we can begin promptly at 7:00pm. Contact Lisa Gross at 920-206-2901 if you have any questions.

The second annual **Women of Christ Conference** will be held **January 30, 2010**, at Fair Park & Ziegler Pavilions, in West Bend. Speakers Vicki Thorn, Yvonne Florczak-Seeman, Fr. Don Hying, and Dr. Pia de Solenni will inspire you. Early bird registration fee: \$30 in groups of five or \$35 single (if registering on-line until Dec. 31). Prices go up \$5.00 per ticket after that date. Students: \$20. Clergy/Religious: Free. Check website [www.WomenOfChrist.net](http://www.WomenOfChrist.net) for more info or call Kathy at **920-261-3539** to register as a group or arrange transportation.

**Are you married to a stranger?** Do you feel alone? Do you argue—or have you just stopped talking to each other? Do you dread the drive home? Does talking about it only make it worse? This program has helped countless couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels including disillusionment and deep misery. Madison's upcoming Retrouvaille program begins January 15-17, 2010 at the Bishop O'Connor Center. Call **608/249-2377** or visit [www.helpourmarriage.com](http://www.helpourmarriage.com)

**PARISH INFORMATION**

- Communion for the Sick** - We are happy to bring Holy Communion to those confined to their homes. Please notify your parish priest if someone at your house wishes to receive Communion at home.
- Sacrament of Baptism** - Baptism Preparation classes are held by appointment. Please telephone Karen Till at the parish office to register for class.
- Sacrament of Reconciliation** (Private) - Saturday .....3:15-3:45 pm  
By appointment at the Rectory..... anytime
- Sacrament of Marriage** - The common policy of the Catholic Diocese in the State of Wisconsin requires a four month minimum notice before the date of the marriage.
- Religious Education** - Grades 7-10 ..... Wednesday, 7:15-8:30 pm  
Grades 1-6..... Wednesday, 3:45-5:00 pm  
Pre-School Religion Classes .....Sundays at 8:30 am

**Calendar for Youth Religious Education,  
Youth Activities,  
& Youth Sacramental Preparation**

January 6 NO Religious Education Classes  
 January 6 Parent Mtg. for Parents of Parish 2nd Graders  
 – Sacramental Preparation—cafeteria  
 January 13 Religious Education Classes—Grades 1-10  
 January 17 Confirmation Class

**Prayer Sponsors for Confirmation Candidates:** We are asking parishioners to sign up to pray for Confirmation Candidates as they prepare to celebrate Confirmation in the Spring of 2010. A sign-up sheet will be on the bulletin board at the rear entrance to church for you to write your name next to the Candidate or Candidates you'd like to pray for. Thank you for serving in this important role!

**Thank you** to all who contributed in the Christmas music-making and decorating! We are so grateful for the sharing of your time and talent!

There will be no choir rehearsals from December 28th through January 8th. Rehearsals will resume the week of January 11th.

Monica Steger, Director of Music Ministry  
 920-261-7273 ext. 28 (St. H.) 920-261-5244 ext. 32 (St. B.)



**Remember  
Our Shut-Ins**

**It's All Inside the Catholic Herald – December 24 issue**

Bishop Robert C. Morlino reflects on issues important to the church locally and internationally in his column "Under the Gospel Book." This week the Catholic Herald also features a Christmas section, featuring articles on the meaning of the Christmas season. Read the Catholic Herald every week...use it every day. Contact the rectory office to receive the Catholic Herald in your home, (261-7273). Subscription: \$21/yr.

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter**

God gave us the greatest gift of love when He sent His son to redeem us. He asks us to love one another as He loves us. Take the time to grow deeper in love with God, your spouse and your family at a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are January 29-31 in Milwaukee, Feb. 12-14 in Rockford, March 12-14 in Madison, April 16-18 in Milwaukee, and April 30-May 2 in Rockford. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit their website at [alifetimeoflove.org](http://alifetimeoflove.org) or call **888-574-5653**. For a Weekend en Espanol Mar. 5-7, contact Hugo & Gaby at 630-690-2094.



*Wishing you and your family  
Blessings & peace  
For the new year!*

– Fr. Brian & St. Henry's Rectory Staff

Please have any contributions that you wish to have included on your 2009 contribution report at the rectory offices by NOON on Wednesday, December 30th.  
 Thank you.

**DON'T DELAY:** Purchase your 2010 Raffle Calendar by December 30th to qualify for next year's drawings. Need more calendars? We have extra calendars available at the rectory office.

**Rectory office hours are 8AM-4PM Dec. 28-30  
 and 8AM-noon on New Year's Eve, Dec. 31st.  
 The offices are closed on New Year's Day.**

**Youth and Young Adults**

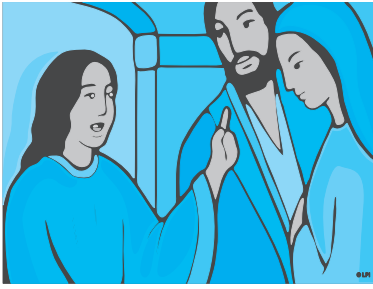
Interested in an evening of faith-building, friendship, and fun? The **Dead Theologians Society (DTS)** holds meetings on Sunday evenings in the choir loft at St. Bernard. We have two active chapters—one for young adults and one for anyone in high school. The High School group meets on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month at 6:00 PM. The Young Adult group meets on the 2nd and 4th Sundays at 6:30 PM. DTS is unique! Check it out! Bring a friend!

**Adults**—can you help? We need parish members to help supply snacks for the gathering time and/or a light meal for DTS youth on Sunday evenings. Donations from either families or groups/organizations are welcome. You may choose to bake, prepare food, or just make a financial contribution. No gift is too small! If you'd like to help, please call Mary LaVigne 206-1495, or Lisa Steffl 261-9268. Also, please keep our DTS members, leaders, and our parishes in your prayers.

All persons age 60+ are welcome to participate in the **Watertown Senior Dining Program** at the Senior Center, 514 S. 1st., Watertown. Call Patti Hills **(261-7013)** between 10AM and 12 noon to make your reservation one day in advance. The suggested donation is \$3.25. The Senior Center also offers many activities before and after lunch for enjoyment.

**Do you have difficulty hearing Mass?** Both St. Henry's and St. Bernard's Parishes offer a special hearing device that can only be used to hear Mass. The hearing devices at St. Henry are located at the Cady Street entry to church and may be picked up when you come for Mass. The devices must be returned to the box following Mass so that others may also use them.

We have had parishioners ask to purchase their own device so they would be sure to have one available when they come for Mass. The device costs approximately \$85. Each church has their own frequency, so one device would not work for both churches. Please contact the rectory office if you are interested in obtaining a device for yourself.



Jesus said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them.

- Luke 2:49-50

**January 1, 2010 is a Holy Day of Obligation.**

**Masses for the Holy Day are:**

**5:30 PM, Thursday, Dec. 31, 2009 at St. Henry**

**9:00 AM, Friday, Jan. 1, 2010 at St. Bernard**

**LITURGICAL ROLES**

**For the Holy Day 5:30 PM Mass, Dec. 31, 2009**

**Proclaimer** Karen Wagner

**Communion Ministers**

Sue Becker, Sharon Hanson, Bonnie Gallup

**Ushers**

Chris Pirkel, Don Leu, Steve Kraemer, Clint Schildbach, Rob Harms

**Servers**

Mathieu LaVigne & Enan Zelinski

**Weekend of January 2 & 3, 2010**

**Proclaimers**

4:00 Connie Kurth  
10:30 Rose Menzia

**Communion Ministers**

4:00 Judy Kramer, Linda Meitner, John Sabourin  
10:30 Steve Menzia, John & Peggy Theder

**Ushers**

4:00 Pat Ebert, Dan Stratman, Richard Mueller, Joe Coughlin, Gerry Dricken, Richard Walters  
10:30 Anthony, Mike & Rich Kraemer, Trevor Peirick, Todd Weissenborn, Brian Weisensel

**Servers for the Weekend**

4:00 Emma Cole & Karli Kohls  
10:30 Lacey Mehlretter & Kristin Miller

**Servers for the 8:15 AM Weekday Masses—Dec. 30 & 31**

Wednesday Karli Kohls & Hunter Will  
Thursday Katelyn Vandersommen & Justin Drebenstedt



**Many thanks** to all who give so generously to our Watertown Food Pantry. Your donations benefit so many families at a time when they might not otherwise make it on their own.

Donations of non-perishable food items may be placed in the "Food Pantry" boxes located at the entrances of our church. Brown paper bags & plastic grocery bags are always appreciated as well. Monetary donations should be sent directly to:

Watertown Food Pantry  
c/o Immanuel Lutheran Church  
204 N. 10th Street  
Watertown, WI 53094

**Readings for the Week of December 27, 2009**

Sunday: Sir 3:2-7, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/  
Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17  
or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52  
Monday: 1 Jn 1:5--2:2/Mt 2:13-18  
Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35  
Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40  
Thursday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18  
Friday: Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21  
Saturday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28  
Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12



**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Sunday, Dec. 27, 2009 Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph**

8:00 AM (B) Ed Opperud/  
St Henry & St. Bernard Parishes  
10:30 AM (H) Gary Fontaine

**Monday, Dec. 28, 2009 The Holy Innocents, martyrs**

**\*\* No Masses \*\***

**Tuesday, Dec. 29, 2009 5th Day in the Octave of Christmas**

**\*\* No Masses \*\***

**Wednesday, Dec. 30, 2009 6th Day in the Octave of Christmas**

8:15 AM (H) Penny McDonald

**Thursday, Dec. 31, 2009 7th Day in the Octave of Christmas**

8:15 AM (H) Edward Opps  
10:15 AM (MM) Msgr. Elmer Dietzel  
5:30 PM (H) Marilyn Moran / Helen Checkai  
7:00 PM (B) All Night Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

**Friday, Jan. 1, 2010 The Octave Day of Christmas  
The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God**

9:00 AM (B) Marcella & Eugene Stangler

**Saturday, Jan. 2, 2010 Saint Basil the Great & Saint Gregory  
Nazianzen, bishops & doctors of the Church**

4:00 PM (H) St. Henry & St. Bernard Parishes  
5:30 PM (B) Living & Deceased of the  
Moore-Wallman Family

**Sunday, Jan. 3, 2010 The Epiphany of the Lord**

8:00 AM (B) Living & Deceased of the  
Roethel-Moran Family  
10:30 AM (H) Art & Elsie Schaefer

**Your prayers are requested for:**

**Maren Kleinmann & baby  
Tom Butzine Patty McDonald**



If you would like members of our congregation to pray for a member of your family, please contact the rectory office **261-7273**. The name of the person in need of prayers will then be listed in the bulletin.

If you do **not** want the name listed in the bulletin, call the rectory and we will notify the Prayer Chain with your intentions.